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Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action mailed December 28, 2004. The original deadline for response was March 28, 2005. A two month petition for extension of time is enclosed, thus extending the deadline to May 28, 2005 which, because it fell on a Saturday, further extends the deadline until May 30, 2005 which, because it fell on a Federal Holiday, further extends the deadline until May 31, 2005. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

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Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

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